

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for capture, evaluation and fulfillment of line item level data, the method comprising steps performed by a data processing system, of:

capturing at least one line item data in an insurance host server;

evaluating the line item data; and

fulfilling the placement of at least one order based on the evaluation of the line item data.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of capturing comprises the steps of:

receiving claim identification information from a claimant, said claim identification information comprising, at least, one line level;

providing the client with an item tree of line item level data based on the line level and aggregating line item level data collected from the claimant; and

storing the line item level data in the insurance host server.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of evaluating the line item data comprises the steps of:

displaying at least one line item from the insurance host server;

receiving a selection of at least one line item from a claim handler;

and

receiving authorization<sup>1</sup> from the claim handler to execute payment of the selected line item, wherein said authorization is for a payment in a form comprising a direct payment, vendor transfer, line item payment, or preauthorized payment.

5 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of fulfilling comprises the steps of:

maintaining a vendor database on the insurance host server;

placing at least one order for at least one line item from the insurance host server to a vendor; and

10 tracking the order on the insurance host server.

5. The method of claim 4 wherein the step of maintaining a vendor database further comprises the step of entering vendor information in the vendor database.

15 6. The method of claim 4 wherein the step of maintaining a vendor database further comprises the step of editing vendor information in the vendor database.

7. The method of claim 4 wherein the step of maintaining a vendor database further comprises the step of upgrading a vendor to a preferred vendor in the vendor database.

20 8. The method of claim 4 wherein the step of placing at least one order further comprises the step of faxing an order to a vendor.

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9. The method of claim 4 wherein the step of placing at least one order further comprises the step of emailing an order to a vendor.

10. The method of claim 4 wherein the step of placing at least one order further comprises the step of placing an order on a web server for vendor access.

5 11. The method of claim 4 wherein the step of placing at least one order further comprises the step of placing an order with a vendor by electronic data interchange.

12. A system for capturing line item data, comprising:

a processor for executing programs; and

10 a memory for storing a program executable by the processor, the stored program including instructions for (i) capturing at least one line item data in an insurance host server; (ii) evaluating the line item data; and (iii) fulfilling the placement of at least one order based on the evaluation of the line item data.

15 13. The system of claim 12 wherein capturing includes (i) receiving claim identification information from a claimant, said claim identification information comprising, at least, one line level; (ii) providing the client with an item tree of line item level data based on the line level and aggregating line item level data collected from the claimant; and (iii) storing the line item level data in the insurance host server.

20 14. The method of claim 12 wherein evaluating the line item data includes (i) displaying at least one line item from the insurance host server; (ii) receiving a selection of at least one line item from a claim handler; and (iii) receiving

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authorization from the claim handler to execute payment of the selected line item, wherein said authorization is for a payment in a form comprising a direct payment, vendor transfer, line item payment, or preauthorized payment.

15. The system of claim 12 wherein fulfilling includes (i) maintaining a vendor database on the insurance host server; (ii) placing at least one order for at least one line item from the insurance host server to a vendor; and (iii) tracking the order on the insurance host server.

16. The system of claim 15 wherein maintaining a vendor database includes entering vendor information in the vendor database.

17. The system of claim 15 wherein maintaining a vendor database further includes editing vendor information in the vendor database.

18. The system of claim 15 wherein maintaining a vendor database includes upgrading a vendor to a preferred vendor in the vendor database.

19. The system of claim 15 wherein placing at least one order includes faxing an order to a vendor.

20. The system of claim 15 wherein placing at least one order further includes emailing an order to a vendor.

21. The system of claim 15 wherein placing at least one order further includes placing an order on a web server for vendor access.

22. The system of claim 15 wherein placing at least one order includes placing an order with a vendor by electronic data interchange.

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23. A computer readable medium containing instructions for controlling a computer system to perform a method for capturing, evaluating, and fulfilling line item data, the method comprising::

5 capturing at least one line item data in an insurance host server;  
evaluating the line item data; and  
fulfilling the placement of at least one order based on the evaluation of the line item data.

24. The medium of claim 23 wherein the step of capturing comprises the steps of:

10 receiving claim identification information from a claimant, said claim identification information comprising, at least, one line level;

providing the client with an item tree of line item level data based on the line level and aggregating line item level data collected from the claimant; and

15 storing the line item level data in the insurance host server.

25. The medium of claim 23 wherein the step of evaluating the line item data comprises the steps of:

displaying at least one line item from the insurance host server;  
receiving a selection of at least one line item from a claim handler;  
and

receiving authorization from the claim handler to execute payment of the selected line item, wherein said authorization is for a payment in a form comprising a direct payment, vendor transfer, line item payment, or preauthorized payment.

5 26. The medium of claim 23 wherein the step of fulfilling comprises the steps of:

maintaining a vendor database on the insurance host server;

placing at least one order for at least one line item from the insurance host server to a vendor; and

10 tracking the order on the insurance host server.

27. The medium of claim 26 wherein the step of maintaining a vendor database further comprises the step of entering vendor information in the vendor database.

15 28. The medium of claim 26 wherein the step of maintaining a vendor database further comprises the step of editing vendor information in the vendor database.

29. The medium of claim 26 wherein the step of maintaining a vendor database further comprises the step of upgrading a vendor to a preferred vendor in the vendor database.

20 30. The medium of claim 26 wherein the step of placing at least one order further comprises the step of faxing an order to a vendor.

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31. The medium of claim 26 wherein the step of placing at least one order further comprises the step of emailing an order to a vendor.

32. The medium of claim 26 wherein the step of placing at least one order further comprises the step of placing an order on a web server for vendor access.

33. The medium of claim 26 wherein the step of placing at least one order further comprises the step of placing an order with a vendor by electronic data interchange.

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